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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Case: 2:24-cr-20442  
Assigned To : Cox, Sean F.  
Referral Judge: Grand, David R.  
Assign. Date : 8/7/2024  
Description: IND USA V SEALED  
MATTER (SH)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

Violations:

JOEL MICHAEL ADELSBERG

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)

*Distribution of Child Pornography*

On or about October 3, 2023, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, JOEL MICHAEL ADELSBERG, knowingly distributed child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce; and the child pornography was mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2).

**COUNT TWO**

18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)  
*Possession of Child Pornography*

On or about February 22, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendant, JOEL MICHAEL ADELSBERG, knowingly possessed child pornography, the child pornography involved a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), which had been mailed, shipped, and transported using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting foreign commerce; and the child pornography was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

18 U.S.C. § 2253(a)

1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this Indictment are hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a).

2. Upon conviction of the offense(s) charged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(2), 2252A(a)(5)(B), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States:

(a) any visual depiction described in section 2251, 2251A, or 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260 of this chapter, or any book, magazine, periodical, film,

videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation of this chapter;

(b) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offense; and

(c) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense or any property traceable to such property.

3. Substitute Assets. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b), the defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the value of the property described above, if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described above cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred, sold to or deposited with a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

*s/ Grand Jury Foreperson*

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Grand Jury Foreperson

DAWN N. ISON  
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*s/ Ann Nee for Sara D. Woodward*

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SARA D. WOODWARD  
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*s/ Sean L. King*

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Dated: August 7, 2024

United States District Court  
Eastern District of Michigan

## Criminal Case Cover Sheet

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NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete it accurately in all respects.

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| <b>Companion Case Information</b>                                        | Companion Case Number:      |
| This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) <sup>1</sup> : | Judge Assigned:             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      | AUSA's Initials: <b>SLK</b> |

Case Title: USA v. Joel Michael Adelsberg

County where offense occurred : Wayne

Check One: ☒ Felony ☐ Misdemeanor ☐ Petty

☒ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- no prior complaint.  
☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number: \_\_\_\_\_]  
☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

## Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.  
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.  
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant name

Charges

Prior Complaint (if applicable)

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

August 7, 2024

Date

  
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<sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.